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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN PART-TIME
EMPLOYEE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNOR LUCEY

FOR SCS

1. EMBASSY SOFIA VISITED 24 JULY BY SALEH M. KARAZEH,
BORN 20 JUNE 1943 IN ALEPO, SYRIA, ALLEGED US PERMA-
NENT RESIDENT ALIEN RESIDING 99 1/2 CAMBRIDGE ROAD, MADI-
SON, WISCONSIN. KARAZEH CLAIMS WIFE US CITIZEN VICTORIA
KARAZEH IS FULLTIME DOMESTIC EMPLOYED BY WISCONSIN
GOVERNOR PATRICK J. LUCEY AND THAT HE, KARAZEH, IS
PART-TIME EMPLOYEE THEREOF.

2. KARAZEH REPORTED HE WAS DETAINED AT BULGARIAN-
YUGOSLAV BORDER O/A 14 JULY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS
POSSESSION TWO FALSE SYRIAN PASSPORTS IN ADDITION TO
HIS OWN TRAVEL DOCUMENT, AND THAT, COINCIDENTALLY,
WAS HOSPITALIZED IN SOFIA 14 JULY FOR EMERGENCY AP-
PENDECTOMY. CURRENTLY STAYING GRAND HOTEL SOFIA HERE,
PENDING RESOLUTION BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES' CONCERN RE-
GARDING EXTRA PASSPORTS KARAZEH CLAIMS HE ANTICIPATES
USING FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO SYRIA FROM WHICH HE
SOUGHT POLITICAL REFUGE SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

3. REALIZE AND HAVE INFORMED KARAZEH EMBASSY HAS
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NO BASIS IN US OR INTERNATIONAL LAW TO UNDERTAKE

PROTECTION HIS CASE. OUR ACTION TO DATE, CONSISTING
ONLY REFERRING HIM TO APPROPRIATE LEGAL COUNSEL AND
THIS CABLE, TAKEN ONLY IN VIEW POSSIBLE ACTIVE IN-
TEREST IN CASE ON PART GOVERNOR LUCEY.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ADVISE GOVERNOR LUCEY'S OFFICE
THAT KARAZEH SAYS HE IS RECOVERING NICELY FROM APPEN-
DECTOMY AND IN NO IMMEDIATE NEED FUNDS.

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